

SCOTS News from London, of
the Treaties between the
two Kingdoms concern-
ing the Union.

London January 3d. 1707.

Yesterday Morning an Express Arrived from Scotland, with
an Account of the passing the Act Ratifying the Treaty of
Union.

Edinburgh, January, 16. A Draught of an Act ratifying and
approving the Treaty of Union of the two Kingdoms of Scot-
land and England. Read a second time.

Then the Act for the security of the Protestant Religion and
Presbyterian Church Government, which is interred in, and ra-
tified by the above Act, was touched by the Royal Scepter by
Her Majesties High Commissioner in the usual manner.

A Representation and Petition of the Commission of the Gene-
ral Assembly of the Church of Scotland, craving that there be
no Stipulation or consent for the Establishment of the Hierarchy
and Ceremonies of the Church of England, by the Act ratifying
and approving the Treaty of Union given in and Read. And
after reasoning upon the Act and Representation the Vote was
stated Approve the Act or not.

And before Voting it was agreed, that the Members Votes be
Marked, and that the List of their Names as the Vote be Printed
and Recorded, and the Lord High Chancellor was allowed to
have his Name Marked, Printed and Recorded, as an Approver
Likewise the Duke of Dowglas gave in a Protestation for his Pri-
viledge of the first Vote in Parliament, and took Instrument there-
on, And the Duke of Hamilton gave in a Protestation to the Con-
trary, and also took Instruments thereon.

The Vote was put Approve the Act Ratifying and Approving the
Treaty of Union of the two Kingdoms of Scotland and England,
yes or not, and it carried Approve: And the Act was thereafter
Touched with the Royal Scepter by her Majesties High Com-
missioner in the usuall manner.

The Representation and Petition of the Commission of the Gene-
ral Assembly of the National Church of Scotland,
Humbly Sheweth.

That we Considering the Trust Reposed in us by the late Gene-
ral Assembly, find in our Duty to lay before your Grace
and Lordships, when as we are informed You are about the pas-
sing of an Act of Ratification of the Articles of the Treaty of Union
betwixt the two Kingdoms of Scotland and England, which contains
these following Words, Declaring nevertheless, that the Parliament
of England, may provide for the Security of the Church of Eng-

land, as they think Expedient, to take place within the Kingdom of England, and not Derogating from the Security above provided for Establishing the Church of Scotland, within the Bounds of this Kingdom, which shall not Suspend or Derogate from the Force or Effect of this present Ratification, but shall be understood as there Included, without any Necessity of any new Ratification in the Parliament of Scotland, which Clause seems to us not only to be like a Blank, put with Your Grace and Lordships Consent, into the Hands of the Parliament of England to Exact what they shall think fit, for securing the Hierarchy and Cerimonies of their Church; But also a Consent, that it be an Article and Fundamental of the Union, and as it contains in Your Ratification, cannot but imply a manifest Homologation.

We do therefore Humbly beseech Your Grace and Lordships, That there be no such Stipulation or Consent, for the Establishment of that Hierarchy and Cerimonies, as You would not involve Your selves in this Nation in Guilt; And as You Consult the Peace and Quiet of this Nation, both in Church and State. We pray that GOD may Bless and Preserve Our Gracious Queen. And Direct Your Grace and Lordships in this, and all the Great and Momentous Affairs, which are, or may be before You.

Signed by W. Wishart Moderator,

Those who Argued against the Clause to which the Petition of the Commission of the General Assembly Relates, said, that it was hard to Ratify any thing that the Parliament of England might think fit to enact for the security of their Church Government, &c. Before we know what it was. The Duke of Hamilton before Voting to pass the Act for Ratification, stood up, and said, he thought himself Obligated to speak a few Words, which were to this Effect: That as he should Answer to God, that his whole Conduct in this Affair, and all the Opposition he had made to the Union was truly from his persuasion, that it was Contrary to the Interest of the Queen, to the Interest of the Parliament, and to that of the whole Nation: And that he Declared before God, that if his late Gracious Sovereign King Charles II. To whom he ow'd many Favours, Or if his late Sovereign, Bountifull Master and Benefactor James 7th to whom he was greatly indebted for many Favours, had either of them been Sitting upon the Throne, he would have Carried himself Just as he had now done.

The Act was carried by 40 Votes, and some say there were about 20 of those who opposed the Union absent by Sickness and otherwise.

